

Summary of Characteristics of Women Receiving Abortions
North Carolina Resident Data, 1990-2000
Percent Distribution¹

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total Number	34,565	34,369	32,730	32,498	31,875	29,938	30,593	28,592	29,868	28,136	26,944
State of Occurrence											
North Carolina	96.8	97.1	98.0	96.9	98.1	98.7	97.8	97.9	97.2	97.7	97.2
Out of State	3.2	2.9	2.0	3.1	1.9	1.3	2.2	2.1	2.8	2.3	2.6
Age											
14 and under	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
15-19	25.5	23.4	21.9	21.7	21.5	21.2	19.6	19.0	18.7	16.9	16.5
20-24	34.3	35.6	36.2	36.0	35.4	34.5	33.7	32.7	32.7	32.9	33.4
25-29	19.8	20.1	20.1	20.3	19.6	20.8	22.8	22.9	23.7	23.8	23.1
30-34	10.8	11.2	11.7	11.8	12.4	11.9	12.3	12.8	12.1	12.8	13.2
35 and over	6.9	7.3	7.5	7.9	8.2	8.7	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.7	9.3
Unknown	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.7
Race											
White	57.3	56.6	55.2	54.5	53.3	53.1	51.1	50.1	49.0	47.8	45.7
Minority	39.8	41.3	43.0	43.6	45.3	45.0	46.7	45.7	48.9	50.0	52.1
Unknown	3.0	2.0	1.6	1.9	1.5	2.0	2.2	4.2	2.1	2.2	2.2
Marital Status											
Married	23.3	23.2	22.1	20.3	18.8	17.8	18.4	20.5	21.2	21.4	22.1
Unmarried	73.6	74.3	71.9	69.3	66.5	60.7	60.5	69.7	74.9	73.6	72.1
Unknown	2.9	2.5	5.9	10.3	14.7	21.5	21.1	9.8	4.0	5.0	5.9
Education											
8 and under	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.5
9-11	11.5	12.7	12.8	11.8	12.1	11.1	10.0	11.3	13.0	12.5	12.8
12	40.9	37.6	33.0	30.1	27.7	26.6	28.3	31.6	34.6	35.2	33.0
13 and over	30.0	32.2	31.9	31.3	30.5	28.1	29.5	37.4	41.7	40.6	40.3
Unknown	15.9	16.1	21.0	25.6	28.3	32.7	30.1	18.1	8.6	9.6	11.4
Number of Living Children											
None	52.1	50.1	50.0	51.7	50.6	50.1	47.1	44.4	42.2	39.7	38.8
1	26.9	27.6	27.7	26.9	27.3	27.3	29.1	30.1	30.6	31.1	29.7
2	15.0	16.1	15.8	15.2	15.5	15.7	16.5	17.1	17.9	18.7	19.4
3 or more	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.2	6.7	6.8	7.3	7.3	8.0	8.8	9.6
Unknown	4.2	4.2	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.8	2.3	1.2	1.3	1.7	2.5
Number of Previous Abortions											
None	63.9	63.0	63.3	61.8	61.0	60.9	61.7	57.9	57.2	55.0	51.8
1	25.9	26.5	26.0	26.9	27.1	27.0	26.3	24.2	23.6	23.1	22.0
2	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.2	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.9
3 or more	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.8
Unknown	6.3	5.9	2.7	2.7	3.7	3.4	5.1	6.6	7.6	10.7	14.5
Weeks of Gestation											
8 and under	48.7	48.5	49.4	50.2	51.0	48.4	46.6	51.7	54.1	66.6	55.1
9-12	37.5	38.1	36.8	36.4	33.5	30.1	28.8	30.1	32.0	20.6	27.1
13-15	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.3	5.9	5.3	5.5	5.9	3.8	7.3
16-20	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.9	2.3	2.5	2.1	1.5	2.9
21 and over	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.9
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	6.2	12.4	16.6	9.5	5.5	7.2	6.5
Type of Procedure											
Suction Curettage	97.5	97.6	97.9	98.1	97.5	96.4	89.5	81.4	64.5	56.2	53.2
Medical (nonsurgical)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.5
Dilation & Evacuation	-	-	-	-	0.8	1.9	9.1	17.6	34.5	42.3	45.6
Intra-Uterine Instillation	1.6	1.6	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3
Sharp Curettage	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
Hysterectomy/Hysterotomy	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown/Other	1.6	1.4	3.5	5.1	6.0	6.2	6.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3

¹Percentages may not add to 100 percent due to rounding. ²Married includes separated but not legally divorced. ³Gestation based on the physician's estimate. ⁴Data not collected until 1997. ⁵Data not collected until 1994.